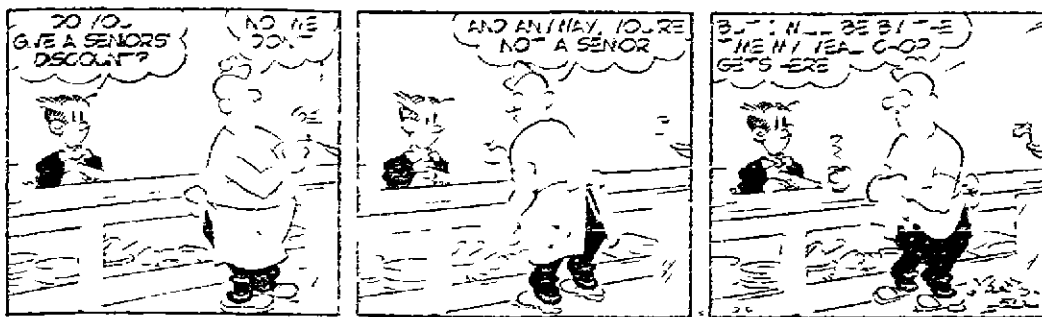
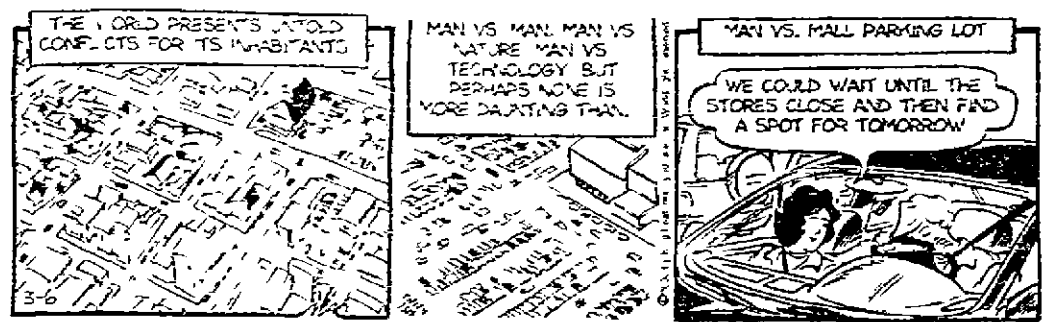


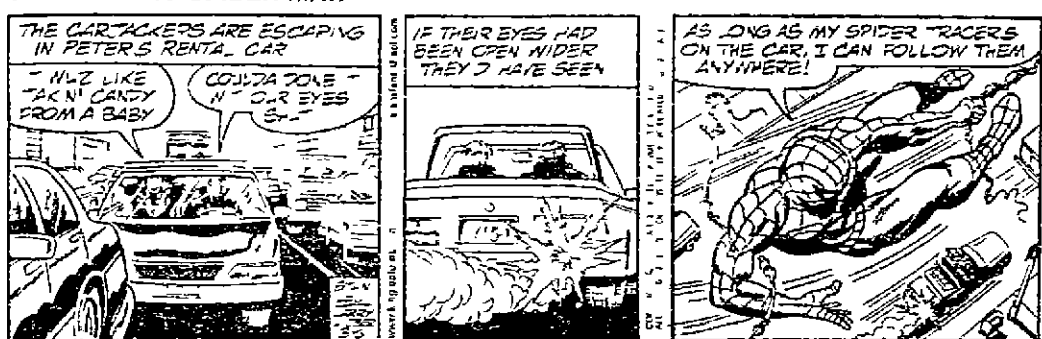
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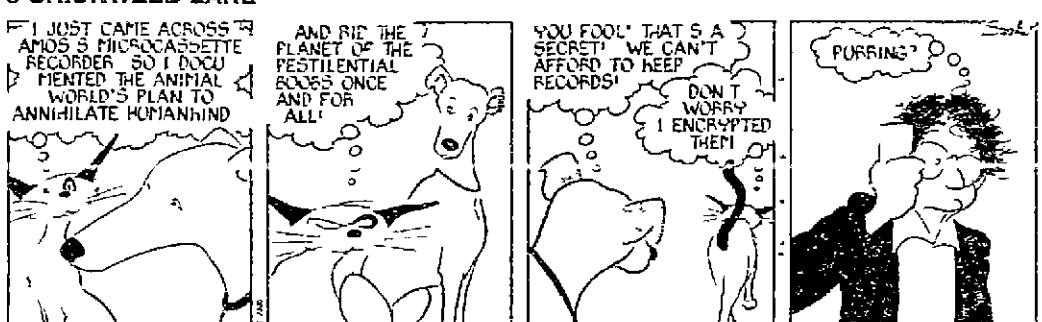
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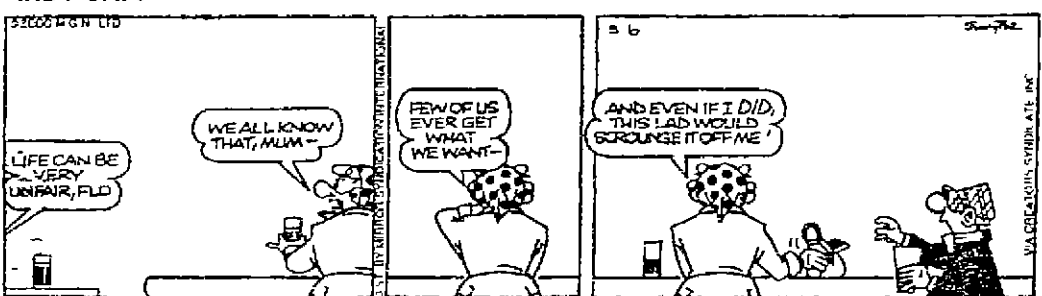
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9 CHICKWEED LANE



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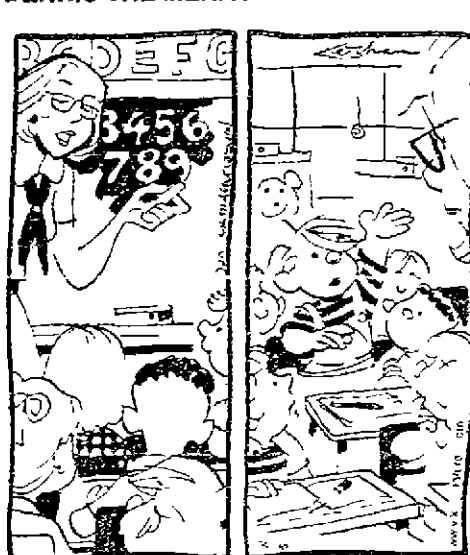
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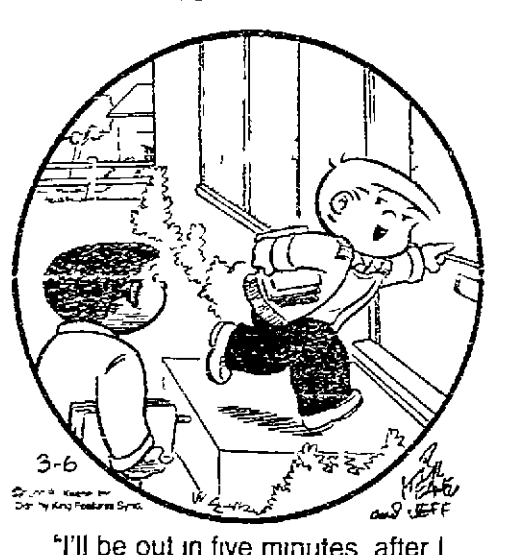
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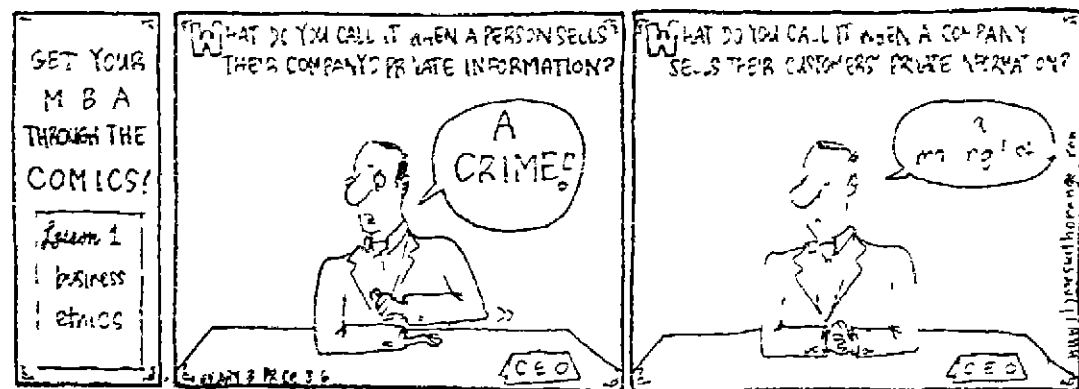
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



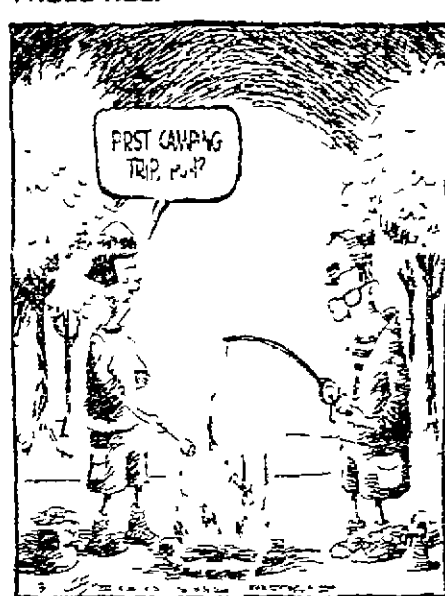
RALPH



Today's Birthdays

TV personality Ed McMahon is 77
Conductor Sarah Caldwell is 76
Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan is 74
Soviet cosmonaut Valentina Tereshkova is 63
Country singer Doug Dillard is 63
Sen. Christopher Bond (R Mo.) is 61
Actress writer Joanna Miles is 60
Actor Ben Murphy is 58
Singer Mary Wilson (The Supremes) is 56
Actor-director Rob Reiner is 53

I NEED HELP



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PAR SCORE 130-140

by JUDD

DIRECTIONS: Make a 15-letter word or words using the letters in the grid. Each letter has a point value. The word must be at least 4 letters long. The word must be in the grid. The word must be in the grid. The word must be in the grid.

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT 20 MIN

For solution, see Classified

HOROSCOPE

For Tuesday, March 7

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) This isn't the best time to try new things.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's the perfect day to rely on the compassion of others.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your level of frustration only rises with the level of others' incompetence.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) As the moon moves through Pisces, daydreaming is your No. 1 priority.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Listen carefully to what your intuition is trying to tell you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) A problem with a close friend or partner causes you to fly off the handle.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) It seems as if it were moving in fast forward while you're stuck in rewind.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Your imagination is the only tool you need to catch the attention of that special someone.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Quit sitting around the house mooring.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) A project you've been putting a lot of effort into lately is finally showing some progress.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) If those numbers in your checkbook are accurate, you'd best put a budget into place!

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Take some time for yourself. Read a good book or take a bubble bath.

WORD SLEUTH

TELEVISION CHARACTERS

O F C Z W T Q N K I F C Z W U

R P M J H E C S E Z X U S Q N

L H E R C U L E S Y J G E C Z

X V T R E P N I D X E N A L J

H E O C A V Y N W N A K V T R

P N L B K I A F R G G E W C E

R E B Z M X R E I S A R F A I

W E C U S U V L B R P O M L H

J I M I G A L D E E D U A M C

D B A O L I Y O B N H O J Y R

X W U T G A S Y C U L T Q P A

Saturday's unlisted clue RAISE

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Monday's unlisted clue hint THE WARRIOR PRINCESS

Alice Frasier Hercules Maude
Andy Gilligan John Boy Seinfeld
Archie Gomer Laverne The Beaver
Columbo Hawkeye Lucy

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For solution, see Classified.

ACES

By Bobby Wolff

West led his spade king and East dropped his jack, hoping for West to lead another spade. West had another interpretation. Since South had raised diamonds, West read East's spade jack as a suit-preference signal asking for a switch to the higher ranking side suit. East certainly would have signaled with the jack had he been void in diamonds. Accordingly, West switched to a diamond at trick two. This gave South the opportunity he desperately needed. South won his ace-cashed dummy's three high trumps and led a club to his king to draw East's last trump. After that, it was easy to claim the remaining tricks. Had West led a second spade at trick two, declarer would have had to ruff in dummy with a trump honor and East would have scored a trump trick for one down. Does West get the blame for misinterpreting East's intended come-on signal? No. East should accept 100 percent of the blame. Since West's spade king promised the queen, East should have overtaken the king with his ace and returned the suit. East was the one who was looking at the setting trump trick, not West. And since East did not overtake and return the suit, West was on solid ground in trying for a diamond ruff.

NORTH
A J 7 5 2
K Q J 10 6
A J 4

WEST
K Q 8 6 4
A 7 3 2
A 9 3

EAST
A J 7 5 2
10 9 3 2
8
10 8 5

SOUTH
10 4
A 8 5
A 4 5
K Q 5

Vulnerable Both
Dealer South

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 2♦ Pass
3♥ Pass 4♥ All pass

Opening lead: Spade ace

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ACROSS

1 Actor Baldwin

5 Scarlett of Tara

10 Paint amateurish

14 Poet Sandburg

15 Jolly (pirate flag)

16 Major

17 Lamb's pen name

18 New Yorks Place

19 It's transparent

20 Noted philosopher (the basis for three anagrams in this puzzle)

22 Line on a weather map

24 What a swollen joint should be

25 Its calling is calling

26 Mists

29 Bar giveaways

33 Contents of a sensitive layer

34 Actress Thomas

35 Napkin's place

36 "How sweet"

37 Puts into piles

38 Peit

39 Spy novelist

40 Writer Loos

41 Luxurious material

42 Shows peevishness

44 Virgil epic

45 Become bushy

46 Hollywood heartthrob Pitt

47 Office chair problem

50 Factor in college admissions

54 Glow

55 Tickle pink

57 Bator, Mongolia

58 Driveway's end

59 Neighbor or the pancreas

60 Discovery

61 Without serious thought

62 Rounddown

63 Airport dangers

DOWN

1 One-spots

2 Composer Schmitt

3 Gustav Clapton

4 Medieval trumpet

5 Holds forth from the pulpit

6 Watered (down)

7 FB! workers

8 Early auto

9 Airport area

10 Company that makes Teflon

11 Dashing horse

12 Annapolis mits

13 Boxer Max

21 Farm unit

23 Midden

25 It comes from the heart

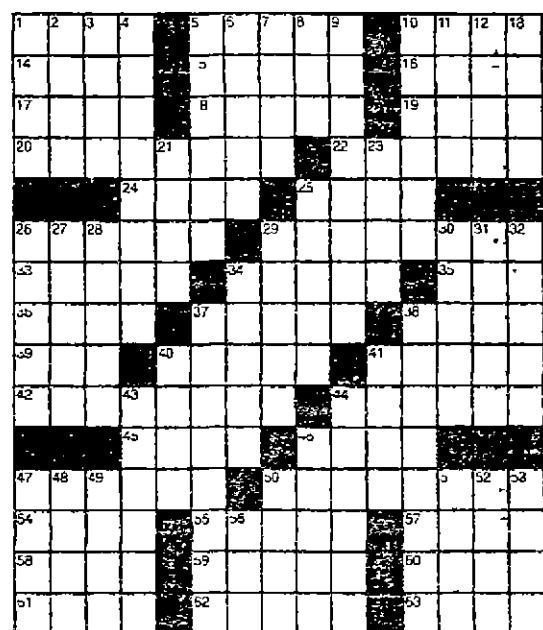
26 "And there you are"

27 Ancient Mexican

28 North, south, east or west

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

PIEPIPSHOW...PIEPIPI
UNDERONE...MOLINE
BONESETS...ALONSO
SLAW...ROTARY...TIN
EMS...ELL...MOD
MELIEE...ARCO...ABES
ADORN...SNOWBREA...K
TAKES...EGGS...OVER...EAS...Y
TAKESHOM...ANNIE
ERES...ORES...TOSAY
DDE...STL...ASS
MY...ITSELF...THRO
FINALE...TEAGREEN
NOTED...TORTURED
SINEX...ENSEMBLE



Puzzle by Randall J. Hartman

29 A la (one way to order)

30 Upper crust

31 Forearm bones

32 Opposite of 50 Down

34 Wave-like design

37 Divers gear

38 Manacle

40 Where India is

41 Word with high or seven

43 High school sweetheart

44 25-Down e.g.

45 Kind of breath

47 Madras dress

48 Part of Q & E

49 Russia's Mountains

50 What pack rats do

51 Mishmash

52 "You"

53 Pass race vers

56 More than stretch the truth

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